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GOI OFFICIALS IN DELHI HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON INDO-BANDLADESH NEGOTIATIONS ON THEIR MARITIME BOUNDARY. THEY BRAVELY INSIST THAT IT IS ONLY "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" WHICH STAND IN THE WAY AND THAT THEY ANTICIPATE AN AGREE-
MENT CAN BE REACHED IN A FEW WEEKS. IT IS THE "COMPLEXITY" OF THE ALLUVIAL SHORELINE, THEY SAY, WHICH CREATES DIFFI-
CULTIES. WE HAVE ASSUMED FROM THE RETICENCE OF OFFICIALS THAT THINGS HAD NOT GONE TOO WELL. REFTEL SUBSTANTIATES THIS. GOI OFFICIALS THUS FAR HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY CON-
CERN ABOUT DRILLING BY US COMPANY IN "DISPUTED AREA" AL-
THOUGH EMBOFF HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, IN INQUIRING ABOUT THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLA-
DESH IN LAST TWO WEEKS, OBSERVED THAT INTEREST OF USG LIES ONLY IN POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO CONCESSION AREAS HELD FOR EXPLORATION BY US. FIRMS.
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